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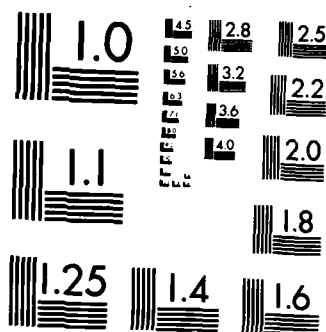
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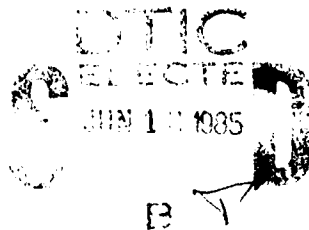
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Recent interest in the measurement and interpretation of heat capacities of activation has led to more rigorous methods of detecting temperature variant activation parameters. One such method by Blandamer, Robertson, and co-workers was applied to the sucrose hydrolysis data of Moelwyn-Hughes and Leininger and Kilpatrick. It was found that the data did not support the inclusion of a temperature-dependent activation energy. Blandamer's method applied to Kubler's data also confirms the absence of any need to include temperature-dependent activation parameters.

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SUCROSE HYDROLYSIS-TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF THE ACTIVATION ENERGY

INTRODUCTION

The hydrolysis of sucrose has a permanent place in the history of physical chemistry since it was the first reaction studied as a function of time.¹ In addition, as Oon and Kubler note,² over 1,000 articles on sucrose hydrolysis appeared by 1947. Despite this intense and long-standing interest, questions persist relative to the mechanism of the reaction, particularly with regard to the temperature dependence of the activation energy. Moelwyn-Hughes¹ (polarimetry) and Leininger and Kilpatrick³ (dilatometry) contend that the activation energy decreases with increasing temperature. Recently, Moelwyn-Hughes' results have been cited as the first example of a temperature-dependent activation energy.⁴ However, in 1939, Heidt and Purvis⁵ claimed that the activation energy was temperature independent based on a direct analysis of the products' reactions. More recently, Kubler and co-workers⁶ remeasured the rate of sucrose hydrolysis polarimetrically, including a correction for the mutarotation of the products, and also monitored directly the products' rate of formation. These workers also contend that the activation energy is not temperature dependent.

Since World War II, many examples of temperature-dependent activation energies have been reported.^{7,8} Concurrently, more rigorous methods have also been devised for detecting such temperature-dependent activation parameters as opposed to the method both Moelwyn-Hughes and Leininger and Kilpatrick used to determine the activation energies over various temperature intervals.

In this article, the method proposed by Blandamer, Robertson, and co-workers⁹ has been applied to Moelwyn-Hughes and Leininger and Kilpatrick's data to test their contention of a temperature-dependent activation energy for sucrose hydrolysis.

BLANDAMER'S METHOD

Blandamer's expression for computing thermodynamic parameters from the temperature dependence of rate data is

$$k = \frac{k_0 T}{T_0} \cdot \exp \left\{ \frac{\Delta H_0^\ddagger}{R} \left[\frac{1}{T_0} - \frac{1}{T} \right] + \frac{\Delta C_p^\ddagger}{R} \left[\ln \left(\frac{1}{T_0} \right) + \frac{T_0}{T} - 1 \right] \right\} \quad (1)$$

where k = rate coefficient at temperature, T

T = temperature

k_0 = rate coefficient at temperature, T_0

ΔH_0^\ddagger = enthalpy of activation at T_0

ΔC_p^\ddagger = heat capacity of activation

Equation (1) is obtained by integrating the vant-Hoff isochore between temperatures T_0 and T assuming ΔC_p^\ddagger independent of temperature. For a given set of k, T data pairs, one pair of k and T are set as k_0 and T_0 , and the remaining values of k, T are used in a regression using Equation (1) to find a value of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔC_p^\ddagger at T_0 . Another pair of k, T are set as the new k_0, T_0 and values of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔC_p^\ddagger at the new T_0 are obtained. The process is repeated until each value of k, T in the data set has been assigned k_0, T_0 yielding values of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔC_p^\ddagger for each temperature, T . Any data set produces:

- (a) ΔC_p^\ddagger zero, ΔH^\ddagger constant with temperature,
- (b) ΔC_p^\ddagger constant, ΔH^\ddagger linearly dependent with temperature,
- (c) ΔC_p^\ddagger temperature dependent.

Equation (1) was derived with the assumption that ΔC_p^\ddagger is temperature independent, so for conditions (a) or (b) above, the values of ΔC_p^\ddagger are thermodynamically correct. However, Equation (1) gives the correct sign for temperature dependent ΔC_p^\ddagger although the values so computed are not correct since the wrong equation is used to compute ΔC_p^\ddagger . In order to find the values of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔC_p^\ddagger , Equation (1) is fit directly with a non-linear, least-squares program¹⁰ as opposed to the linear form of Equation (1) offered by Blandamer.⁹ To further distinguish between conditions (a) and (b) above, the enthalpies of activation so computed are fit versus temperature with a linear, least-squares version of the program to see if the slope differs from zero.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The rate coefficients for sucrose hydrolysis are listed in Table 1. These numbers were taken from Table 1 of Kubler's article (Reference 6). With the exception of Moelwyn-Hughes, all kinetic runs were done with 0.0584M sucrose in 0.57M HCl.

The following calculations were done on each k, T data set. Values of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔC_p^\ddagger , along with their respective standard deviations of the mean, were computed at each temperature, T , with Equation (1). The values of ΔH^\ddagger , so generated, were fit with a linear, least-squares subroutine of the Los Alamos program¹⁰ to

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = a + bT \quad (2)$$

Table 1. Summary of Rate Coefficients for
Inversion of 0.0584M Sucrose in 0.57M HCl^a

T, °C	k ^b	T, °C	k ^c	T, °C	k ^d	T, °C	k ^e	T, °C	k ^f
0.0	0.291					0.0		0.0	0.303
10.0	1.65			9.92	1.609	9.60	1.609	10.0	1.69
15.0	3.66	15.54	3.58	14.68	3.444				
20.0	7.91	19.40	6.56	19.24	6.928	19.00	7.99		
25.0	16.5	23.09	11.6	24.97	16.07	23.20	13.79	23.4	13.3
30.0	33.5	26.26	20.5	29.96	32.69	24.77	17.3	30.05	34.9
35.0	65.6	31.08	34.3	35.00	67.79	29.82	36.5	30.05	34.9
40.0	129.0	35.98	64.8	40.02	129.3	34.97	71.9		
		41.00	124.0			39.80	137.0		

^aUnits of k, s⁻¹ x 10⁵

^bLeininger and Kilpatrick, Reference 3, dilatometry

^cMoelwyn-Hughes, Reference 1, polarimetry uncorrected for mutarotation log in 5 percent sucrose solution at 0.2M HCl

^dKubler and co-workers, Reference 6, polarimetry corrected for mutarotation log - duplicate runs

^eReference 7, chemical analysis of products

^fHeidt and Purvis, Reference 5, chemical analysis of products

^gSingle determination of rate coefficient

idence intervals were computed with the "Student-t" statistic to if values of ΔC_p^\ddagger or b differed significantly from zero.¹¹ For percent confidence levels, values of t corresponding to $\alpha = 0.025$ $n-p$ degrees of freedom were used, where n is the number of points g fit, and p is the number of parameters being varied.¹⁰ Finally, entropy of activation was computed with

$$k = \frac{\kappa t}{h} \exp \left(- \frac{\Delta H^\ddagger}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\ddagger}{R} \right) \quad (3)$$

e previously undefined parameters are κ = Boltzmann's constant, and Planck's constant. Equation (3) presumes that ΔC_p^\ddagger is zero, and aring values of k computed with ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger with experimental es of k also tests whether ΔH^\ddagger is temperature independent.

The first calculations were done with Moelwyn-Hughes' data. e 2 illustrates the values of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔC_p^\ddagger obtained. In general, ΔC_p^\ddagger values do not differ from zero. Results from fitting ΔH^\ddagger us T give $a = 24.4 + 0.7$ kcal/mole and $b = -12.1 + 24.2$ cal/mole $-k$, esting that ΔH^\ddagger is independent of temperature. Table 3 lists the lts of fitting K , T to Equation (3) to obtain ΔS . One sees that computed values agree well with the experimental values except the rimental values at the two lowest temperatures (15.45 and 19.40°C) smaller than the computed values. Interestingly, if the mutarotation had been taken into account, the experimental values at these tem- peratures would have been smaller.⁶ This also coincides with Kubler's rk⁶ that a plot of $\ln k$ versus $1/T$ for Moelwyn-Hughes' data was htly curved in the opposite direction to his own polarimetric uncorrected for mutarotation. Nonetheless, one concludes that wyn-Hughes' data do not prove that ΔH^\ddagger varies with temperature.

The results of the next calculations which were made with inger and Kilpatrick's rate data³ are summarized in Table 4. slope of a plot of ΔH^\ddagger versus T , $-9.2 + 12.4$ cal/mole $-k$ also ests that a temperature-independent ΔH^\ddagger is sufficient to represent inger and Kilpatrick's data.³

Table 5 lists the values of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger computed with inger and Kilpatrick's results, illustrating that the experimental computed values of k agree within a few percent except for the value .0°C which differs by 7 percent. Comparing Leininger and Kilpatrick's lts with ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger computed with Heidt and Purvis' results, Kubler's polarimetric data illustrates that the fitted value of k .0°C corresponds with Heidt and Purvis' measured value, and that the es of ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger are identical to those computed with Kubler's . Again, one concludes that Leininger and Kilpatrick's data do not ort a temperature-dependent ΔH^\ddagger .

Table 2. Enthalpy of Activation Versus Temperature with Moelwyn-Hughes' Data Obtained Polarimetrically

T, °C	k _{obs} , s ⁻¹	k _{fit} ^a	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}
15.45	3.58	b	3.63	3.99	3.98	3.93	3.91
19.40	6.56	6.50	b	6.96	6.96	6.91	6.87
23.09	11.6	11.2	11.2	b	11.6	11.6	11.5
27.26	20.5	20.2	20.2	20.5	b	20.5	20.4
31.08	34.3	34.1	34.0	34.1	34.2	b	34.1
35.98	64.8	65.3	65.2	65.0	65.0	68.2	65.0
41.00	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	b
ΔH [‡] , cal/mole		24833.0	24455.0	23380.0	23613.0	23836.0	24155.0
Std dev		201.0	199.0	153.0	179.0	162.0	169.0
ΔC _p [‡] , cal/mole-K		-35.5	-20.0	54.1 ^c	49.7	28.7	62.0 ^c
Std dev		16.8	19.6	18.1	27.3	34.0	21.9
							27.2

Units of rate coefficients are $\text{s}^{-1} \times 10^5$.

rate coefficient fixed in Equation (1):

^cValues of ΔC_p significantly different from zero at the 95 percent confidence level.

Table 3. Activation Parameters From Moelwyn-Hughes'
Results with $\Delta C_p^\ddagger = 0$

T, °C	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1} \times 10^5$	$k_{\text{fit}}, \text{s}^{-1} \times 10^5$
15.45	3.58	3.75
19.40	6.56	6.70
23.09	11.6	11.4
27.26	20.5	20.3
31.08	34.3	34.1
35.98	64.8	65.2
41.00	124.0	124.0

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = 24.07 \pm 0.09 \text{ kcal/mole}$$

$$\Delta S^\ddagger = 4.05 \pm 0.3 \text{ cal/mole-k}$$

Table 4. Enthalpy of Activities Versus Temperature with Leininger and Kilpatrick's Data

T, °C	k _{obs}	s ⁻¹ x10 ⁵	k _{fit} ^a	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}	k _{fit}
0.0	0.291	b	0.313	0.323	0.352	0.391	0.375	0.406	0.376
10.0	1.65	1.59	b	1.67	1.74	1.84	1.82	1.86	1.80
15.0	3.66	3.56	3.63	b	3.75	3.88	3.88	3.89	3.83
20.0	7.91	7.70	7.77	7.81	b	8.07	8.11	8.04	8.00
25.0	16.5	16.2	16.2	16.3	16.3	b	16.6	16.4	16.4
30.0	33.5	33.1	33.1	33.1	33.1	33.2	b	33.0	33.2
35.0	65.6	66.2	66.1	66.0	65.9	65.9	66.3	b	65.9
40.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	b
ΔH [‡] , cal/mole	25686.0	24990.0	24990.0	24826.0	24535.0	24400.0	24627.0	25130.0	25270.0
Std dev	152.0	147.0	147.0	151.0	148.0	168.0	190.0	81.0	167.0
ΔC _p [‡] , cal/mole-k	-19.6	1.1	1.1	10.1	32.9	57.3	35.5	75.5 ^c	49.7
Std dev	8.2	10.0	10.0	12.9	16.0	23.5	39.0	24.0	27.0

a) fitted values of k, s⁻¹x10⁵

b) rate coefficient fixed

c) significant at 95 percent confidence level

Table 5. Activation Parameters for Inversion of 0.0584M Sucrose in 0.57M HCl

T, °C	$k, s^{-1} \times 10^5$	$k_{fit}, s^{-1} \times 10^5$	T, °C	$k, s^{-1} \times 10^5$	$k_{fit}, s^{-1} \times 10^5$	T, °C	$k, s^{-1} \times 10^5$	$k_{fit}, s^{-1} \times 10^5$
0.0	0.291	0.315	0.0	0.303	0.309	9.92	1.609	1.670
10.0	1.65	1.66	10.0	1.69	1.66	14.68	3.444	3.528
15.0	3.66	3.65	23.4	13.3	13.3	19.24	6.928	7.063
20.0	7.91	7.81	30.05	34.9	34.9	24.97	16.07	16.40
25.0	16.5	16.3				29.96	32.39	33.29
30.5	33.5	33.2				35.00	67.79	66.52
35.0	65.6	66.1				40.02	12.93	12.97
40.0	129.0	129.0						
ΔH^\ddagger , cal/mole	25.0				25.3			24.9
Std dev ^d	0.1				0.1			0.3
ΔS^\ddagger , cal/mole-K	7.9				9.1			7.6
Std dev ^d	0.3				0.1			0.9

^aLeininger and Kilpartick, Reference 3

^bHeidt and Purvis, Reference 5

^cKubler, Reference 7

^dStandard deviation of the mean as computed by least-squares program

For completeness, similar computations were done to Kubler's data and to Heidt and Purvis' results. In both instances, the fit of ΔH^\ddagger versus T shows that the slope, b, is zero, and ΔH^\ddagger is temperature independent, in accordance with each investigator's contention.

4. CONCLUSION

Blandamer and Robertson's equation for determining heat capacities of activation was applied to Moelwyn-Hughes' and to Leininger and Kilpatrick's data on sucrose hydrolysis. There was no evidence for a finite heat capacity of activation in either case.

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